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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Thomas	Dougie	
1	Cassius	Dylan	Kaitlin
2	Clayton	Gracie	Bobby
3	April	Zara	
4	Luisa	Bilge	Thomas
5	Hamish	Kayla	Michael Rowan
6	Imogen	Jacob	
Headteacher Awards: Joey D (2) & Amelia G (4)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year's Reception & Year 4 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 97.4% (Target 96%)			

This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:

Reception: Signs of Summer
Years 1&2: Florence Nightingale
Years 3&4: Anglo Saxons/Vikings
Year 5: Anglo Saxons
Year 6: The Maya

Next week in our school the children will be learning about the following topics:

Reception: Sowing Seeds
Years 1&2: Castles
Years 3&4: Anglo Saxons/Vikings
Year 5: Anglo Saxons/Vikings
Year 6: The Maya

Swimming

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children started their swimming lessons on Wednesday. Initially there were some nerves and worries but the children all returned very happy, enthusiastic and looking forward to next week.

DCHS—Years 3 to 6 Children and Families—Free Meet the Author Event

We have shared some information with regard to the above event at the Duchess High School where children from KS2 and families from KS2 have the opportunity to meet Julia Green author of *The Children of Wild Fell* and *The House of Light*. This is an excellent opportunity to meet a professional author who will inspire the writers of the future.

Coronation Celebration—Friday afternoon 12th May

As the coronation coincides with our eldest children sitting their end of KS2 test between 9th and 12th May and school is closed for bank holidays and teacher strike days we intend to mark this event in school during the afternoon of Friday 12th May. We will be sending information to parents soon as some of our classes will be baking cakes to sell at the end of the school day to raise funds towards marking this important event.

Teacher Strike Days (Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May)

We have issued letters regarding the closure of the school on these dates and the arrangements for key worker children who may need childcare on these dates to enable their parents to attend their place of work.

Dates for the Diary

Please check the dates for the diary section of the newsletter as there have been some new additions, such as, Year 6 Leavers Assembly and the Pre-Reception/Reception Parents Assembly.

Dates for the Future (please add to your home calendar/phone calendar)

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	R,1&2	Swimming at Willowburn	
Thursday 27th April	All	Teacher Strike	See letter
May	2	SATs test papers to be sat during this month	
Monday 1st May	All	Public Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 2nd May	All	Teacher Strike	See letter issued
Monday 8th May	All	Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles III coronation	School will reopen Tues 9th May
Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May	Year 6	SATS week	New dates confirmed by DfE
Friday 12th May (pm)	All	King Charles coronation	Children only
Thursday 18th May	All	Professor Brainstorm Workshop	School Hall
Tuesday 23rd May	5&6	Newcastle United Visit	
Thursday 25th May	1&2	Class Assembly for Parents	School Hall 2:30pm
Friday 26th May	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 6th June	All	School reopens—Summer Term	Gates open 8:30am
6th to 16th June	4	National Multiplication Test	
Week commencing Monday 12th June	1	Phonics Screening Test	
Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th June	6	Y6 London Visit with other Alnwick Partnership schools	Prompt 8:00 am departure Wed 14th
Thursday 22nd June	5&6	Safety Workshops—Online and other dangers	
Friday 30th June	All	Sports Day/Summer Fair	Reschedule for 7th July if necessary
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	3&4	Robinwood Residential	
Thursday 13th July	Pre R and R	Parents Class Assembly 2:30pm	School Hall—doors open at 2:20pm
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly	School Hall 5:45pm
Friday 21st July	All	School closes for Summer break	Reopens Tuesday 5th September